

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

[an] **a first** actuating drive;

an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive wherein the electrical circuit comprises programmable memory suitable for overwritably storing a subscriber number **and wherein the electrical circuit provides for both software and hardware coding of the subscriber number;**

a control section for inputting control commands to the electrical circuit; and

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at least one electrical cable connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section, wherein the circuit is arranged remote from the actuating drive and from the control section.

2. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the circuit is integrated into the cable.

3. (Previously Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cable comprises a databus.

4. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the memory includes means for storing a subscriber number in the memory, and the circuit further comprises a component for setting the subscriber number.

5. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the circuit further comprises means for overwriting a subscriber number which is stored in the memory by a new subscriber number, wherein the new subscriber number can be supplied to the memory either via the databus or via the component.

6. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim, wherein a first subscriber number is stored in the memory during the production of the circuit.

7. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first subscriber number is supplied via the databus.

8. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein the memory comprises an EEPROM.

9. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the component comprises a number of elements selected from switches or plug connections for setting.

10. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the elements are manually operable.

DI 11. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising two mutually associated connector parts for connecting the circuit to the cable, wherein a subscriber number can be set by means of at least one of said connector parts.

12. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the two connector parts each have a plurality of connector contacts that are selectively connectable to a conductor in the cable.

13. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the connector contacts are located in plural planes, and the number of connector contacts located in a plane is not substantially the number of planes.

14. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein two planes are provided, in each of which three connector contacts are arranged.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for installing an apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

installing an actuating drive for a control element;

installing a control section for inputting control commands to the control element;

installing an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive but at a position remote from both the actuating drive and the control section, wherein the electrical circuit comprises programmable memory suitable for overwritably storing a subscriber number associated with the control element and wherein the electrical circuit provides for both software and hardware coding of the subscriber number;

connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section with at least one electrical cable comprising a databus; and

storing in the memory a first subscriber number not later than in conjunction with the installation.

16. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first subscriber number is supplied via the databus.

17. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first subscriber number is supplied manually.

18. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the manual supplying of the first subscriber number comprises providing a unique subscriber number by selectively making at least one connection between a plurality of contacts in a connector, respectively, to one of plural conductors contained in the databus.

19. (Original) A motor vehicle, comprising a heating or ventilating system including a plurality of control elements for said system and a plurality of corresponding actuating apparatus operatively associated with said control elements, wherein each actuating apparatus comprises an actuating apparatus as defined in claim 1, and wherein at least a plurality of actuating drives in said system are identical to one another and are interchangeable.

20. (Original) A motor vehicle, comprising a heating or ventilating system including a plurality of control elements for said system and a plurality of corresponding actuating apparatus operatively associated with said control elements, wherein each actuating apparatus

comprises an actuating apparatus as defined in claim 11, and wherein at least a plurality of actuating drives in said system and at least a plurality of electrical circuits in said system are identical to one another and are interchangeable.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for actuating a control element for a heating or air-conditioning system in a motor vehicle, comprising:

[an] a first actuating drive;

an electrical circuit operatively connected to the actuating drive wherein the electrical circuit includes a programmable memory which comprises an EEPROM and wherein the electrical circuit provides for both software and hardware coding of the subscriber number;

a control section for inputting control commands to the electrical circuit;

at least one electrical cable connecting together the actuating drive, the circuit and the control section, wherein the circuit is arranged remote from the actuating drive and from the control section; and

two mutually associated connector parts for connecting the circuit to the cable wherein each connector part comprises at least 2 planes, each plane comprising at least 3 connector contacts that are selectively connectable to a conductor in the cable.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, further comprising a flap [in] for a motor vehicle heating or air-conditioning system wherein the flap is operatively linked to the actuating drive and wherein the flap comprises a mixing-air flap or a defroster flap.

23. (Previously Added) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein the actuating drive comprises a stepping motor.

24. (Previously Added) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein said at least one electrical cable comprises a positive supply voltage conductor, a negative supply voltage conductor and a data line.

25. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 21, wherein **[the memory comprises an EEPROM] the apparatus comprises at least one additional actuating drive which is substantially identical to the first actuating drive and which is operably linked to a flap for a motor vehicle heating or air-conditioning system.**

26. (Newly Added) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a flap for a motor vehicle heating or air-conditioning system wherein the flap is operatively linked to the actuating drive and wherein the flap comprises a mixing-air flap or a defroster flap.

27. (Newly Added) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises at least one additional actuating drive which is substantially identical to the first actuating drive and which is operably linked to a flap for a motor vehicle heating or air-conditioning system.
